

13 October 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE FOR A & M

Subject: Allowances for Chiefs of [REDACTED]

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1. On 9 October, you referred to this office a draft of an Order on the above subject, requesting an opinion as to legality and comments.

25X1A 2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the draft, it is our opinion that approval of Group 2 allowances in the circumstances requires the Director's approval. In view of the fact that CIA requires the Director's approval, [REDACTED] requires that Chiefs of Missions and other principal officers directly subordinate to Washington, D. C. be in grades [REDACTED] or above in order to fall in Group 2 for quarters allowances unless otherwise approved by the Director; it is our opinion that it will be necessary for the Director to approve the classification to Group 2 of Chiefs of [REDACTED] in grades [REDACTED] and above and Chiefs of such missions occupying positions classified for [REDACTED] and above.

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3. With reference to paragraph 2, the inference is given that the authorization was verbally given by the proper authority on 29 December 1946. Actually, the allowances were paid as the result of an interpretation by the then Chief of Personnel. These accounts have been audited by the General Accounting Office representative, and it is our understanding he is aware of the true circumstances. In view of this, we feel it would be preferable not to imply the verbal approval. We suggest the following draft:

25X1A "1. In accordance with paragraph 2, [REDACTED] dated 31 October 1946, the Chiefs of [REDACTED] in Grade [REDACTED] and above and Chiefs of such missions occupying positions classified for Grade [REDACTED] and above are placed in Group 2, effective 29 December 1946.

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Director of Central Intelligence"

4. We shall be pleased to work with the Finance Officers or your office in an attempt to settle the matter on this basis.

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Assistant General Counsel

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